

T-777
Edward Handy House
Bellevue
Private

c. 1925

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HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: EDWARD HANDY HOUSE

MHT Inventory Number: T-777

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

- 1) Historic Period Theme(s): ARCHITECTURE
~~ARTS~~
- 2) Geographic Orientation: EASTERN SHORE
- 3) Chronological/Developmental Period(s):
INDUSTRIAL / URBAN DOMINANCE
1870-1930
- 4) Resource Type(s):
SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic EDWARD HANDY HOUSE

and/or common MORRIS THOMAS HOUSE

2. Location

street & number Corner of the Ferry Road and Gates Street ___ not for publication

city, town Bellevue ___ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Talbot

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
___ site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	___ no	___ military	___ other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Morris Thomas

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Clerk of Court liber

street & number Talbot County Courthouse folio

city, town Easton state Md 21601

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. T-777

Condition

☒ excellent
☐ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Edward Handy house stands on the northeast corner of the intersection of the ferry road and Gates Street on the western edge of Bellevue, Talbot County, Maryland. The story-and-a-half frame bungalow faces southwest with the gable-front roof oriented on a northeast/southwest axis.

Estimated to date to around 1925, the story-and-a-half frame bungalow rests on a concrete block foundation, and the house is sheathed with a layer of wood shingles. The steeply pitched roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Rising through the center of the house is a narrow brick stove stack.

The southwest elevation is a symmetrical three-bay facade with a center entrance and flanking three-over-one sash windows. The partially glazed door as well as the adjacent windows are sheltered by a gable roofed porch that is partly screened in. The porch roof, finished with a pedimented front, is supported by tapered posts. The gable end is pierced by paired three-over-one sash windows. The eaves to the roof are slightly extended with short returns at the base.

The southeast side facing Gates Street includes a side entrance sheltered by a single-bay covered porch. Three-over-one sash windows flank the partially glazed side door. Fixed on the roof is a gable roof dormer filled with a three-over-one sash window.

The northwest side is detailed in a similar manner with two three-over-one sash windows lighting the first floor and a gabled dormer lighting the attic.

The northeast (rear) elevation includes a back entrance to the house as well as three-over-one sash windows as well.

The interior was not seen.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates**Builder/Architect**check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/orApplicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ GLevel of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A

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Zone Easting Northing

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian

organization Private Consultant/Talbot County date 5/29/90

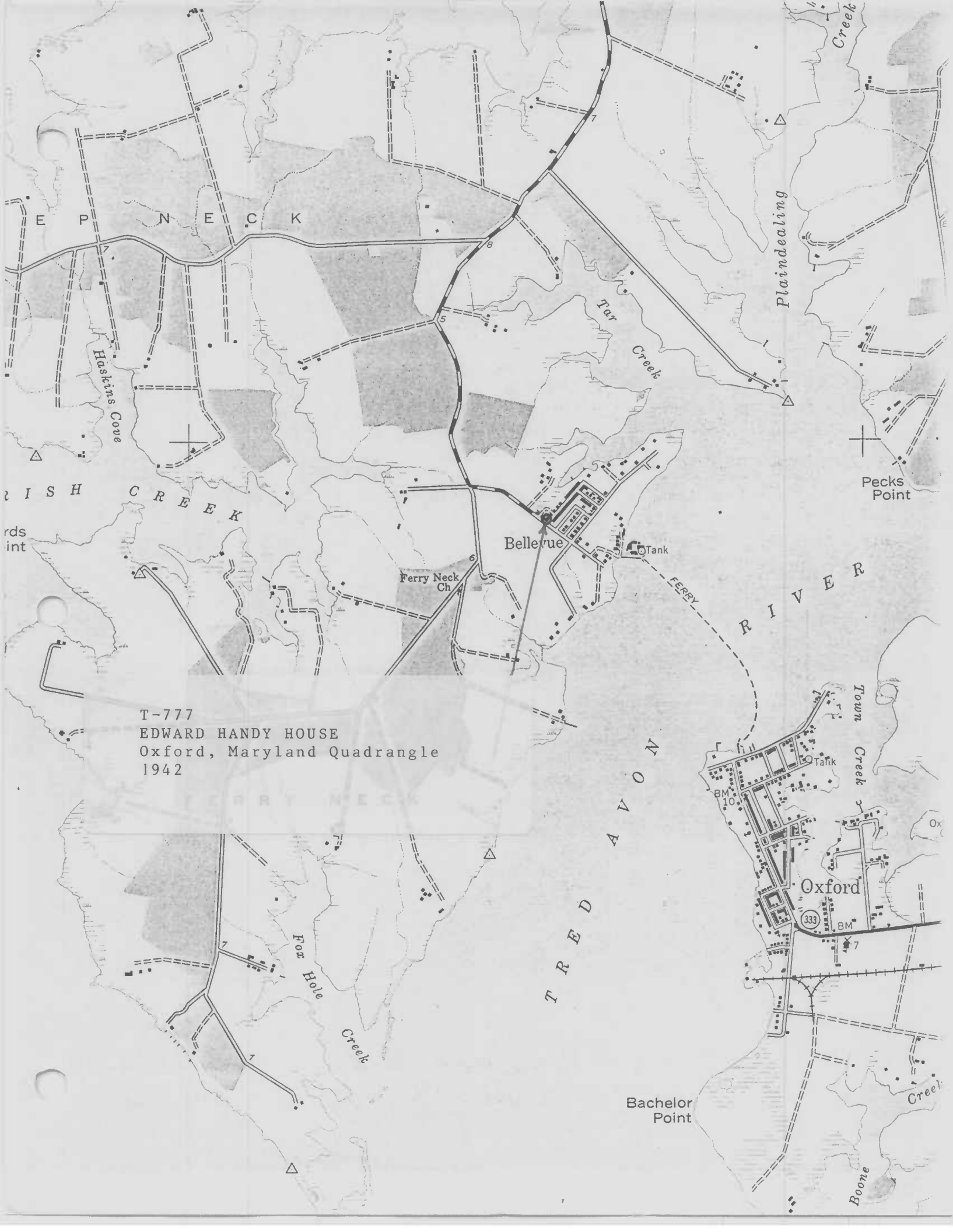
street & number P. O. Box 5 telephone 301-651-1094

city or town Westover state MD 21871

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EDWARD HANDY HOUSE
Oxford, Maryland Quadrangle
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Southwest elevation

Bellevue, Talbot County, Maryland

5/90, Paul Touart, photographer

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